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November 18, 2002

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY;
AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. H-212907 WITH THE SIMI GROUP,
INC. - PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR
BIOTERRORISM**

This is to inform you that we are exercising the delegated authority, as authorized by your Board on January 29, 2002, to execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. H-212907 with The SIMI Group, Inc.

On August 21, 2001, your Board approved sole source Agreement No. H-212907 with The SIMI Group, Inc., to build Los Angeles County's Health Alert System Training and Education Network (HASTEN system) in the amount of \$123,424 for the period of August 30, 2001 through August 30, 2002, with provisions for a one year automatic renewal, funded under Notice of Cooperative Agreement (NCA) No. U90/CCU917012-01 from the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). On January 29, 2002, your Board approved Amendment No. 1 to increase funding by \$40,000 to provide additional services, for a total contract amount of \$163,424, and delegated authority to increase funding up to 50% of the total contract amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Information Office and notification of Board offices.

On April 16, 2002, your Board accepted supplemental funding from CDC, NCA No. U90/CCU917012-03-1 in the amount of \$24,591,171 to upgrade local public health jurisdictions' preparedness efforts to respond to bioterrorism. Included in this amount was \$643,200 in additional funding to continue operation of the HASTEN system. Amendment No. 2, which will increase the maximum obligation by \$50,000, for a revised total of \$213,424, will be used to enhance the present HASTEN system. We will return to the Board as soon as a Scope of Work is developed for the remaining \$593,200.

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Amendment No. 2 was reviewed, as to form, by County Counsel, on October 31, 2002.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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NOTED AND APPROVED:

Jon W. Fullinwider
Chief Information Officer

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors